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# The World of Barbarities

## The Story So Far

This story happened a long time ago in a far away land.

Our setting is a small country surrounded by mountains, called Lorraine.

A threatening letter is sent to the pride of Lorraine, Lord Judiciary Montague, and in response Viscount Adam comes from neighbouring Xehana to act as a bodyguard. However, behind Adam's incredible beauty lies a promiscuous beast who will eat up man and woman, young and old!

For the first time in his life Adam falls truly in love. The object of his affections is Lord Judiciary Montague's nephew, Joel, who turns out to be Lord Montague himself! The young king's uncle, suspected of raising a rebellion, has returned to the country and tensions in the palace are rising. Simon moves closer to the visiting heir of the neighbouring Tance, Louis, and takes his younger brother, Luka, as a hostage to force his cooperation...

## Introducing the Main Characters



**Joel Letreux**

Montague Joel Letreux, Lord Judiciary Montague, Head of the Justice Department's nephew... is his disguise, the truth is he himself is Lord Judiciary Montague. He is a Lord that took up the Judge's robes under orders from the previous, deceased, King. He is a serious man who accepted his position in order to support the people and acts as an adviser to the young King. He respects the law and is an atheist. Straight-faced and indifferent towards love.



**Viscount  
Adam Canning**

Adam Eric Canning, of Xehana. An illegitimate child. Came to Lorraine to act as Lord Judiciary Montague's bodyguard. Has familial ties to Lorraine's Queen Mother. When he was young his mother remarried and so he was passed to Baron Auber of Old Xehana for adoption. As a parting gift his mother bestowed on Adam a peerage.





A large country feared by its neighbours for its greed and constant desire for more power.



**Tance**



**Lorraine**

A small, Italy situated country surrounded by powerhouses. The Church of the Goddess has not yet taken root here and is conflicting with the country's other religions.



**Paul**

Adam's valet. The straight man to Adam's fool, he understands and supports Adam more than anyone else.



**Queen Mother Eleanor**

Christopher's mother. Formerly from Old Xehana. A distant relation of Adam.



**Luka**

A young Prince, son of the current King of Tance. Currently in Lorraine for his health. There's a large age gap between he and Louis, so Louis dotes on him.



**His Majesty, Christopher.**

The young King of Lorraine. Nicknamed Chris.



**Cardinal Rotz Brandon**

On dispatch from the Holy See of the Goddess in Xehana. Helps with religious matters as a member of the Privy Council.

**Louis (Prince Fredaux)**

Royalty of the neighbouring Tance, on a pleasure cruise around the land. Currently staying in Lorraine to observe it. The future King of a large country, he's an eccentric man.



**Gil**

Former slave. Louis has engaged him as his faithful servant. When Louis gets drunk, he and Gil have relations.



This is a story  
set a long time  
ago in a whole  
other world...

LU-

LU-

LUKA, I'LL  
BE SO LONELY  
WITHOUT YOU.

COME PLAY WITH  
ME AGAIN, OK?

I'LL...  
I'LL COME VISIT  
YOU, TOO.

...YEAH.

Lorraine





I HOPE WE  
GET TO PLAY LIKE  
THIS AGAIN.



...IS YOUR  
PACKING GOING  
WELL, LUKA?

...YES.



WIFE

I'M  
SURE YOU'RE  
AWARE,

silence...



YOU'LL NEED  
SOUVENIRS FOR  
UNCLE AND AUNT,  
RIGHT?

I HAD OUR  
AMBASSADOR  
PREPARE SOME  
FOR YOU.

...THANK  
YOU, OLDER  
BROTHER.







*hug*



...COME HERE.

**BRIGHTEN**

!



...!

WE'LL SHARE  
MEALS BACK IN  
TANCE, TOO,  
ALRIGHT?

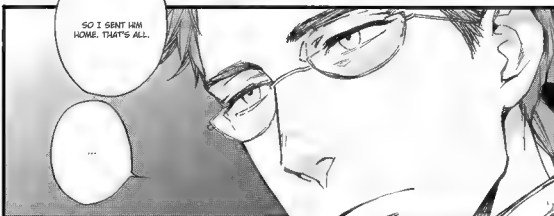
YOU'RE MY  
PRECIOUS LITTLE  
BROTHER.



PRINCE LIKA HAS  
BECOME MUCH MORE  
CHEERFUL SINCE COMING  
TO LORRAINE.



...HMPH.





MONTAGUE!

!



IS THERE  
SOMETHING THE  
MATTER?

Wahhh

MAJESTY?

I'VE BEEN  
WAITING FOR YOU,  
MONTAGUE!



LISTEN,

LISTEN,  
MONTAGUE,

Sob



SOMETHING  
IMPORTANT...?

HE'S BEEN  
WAITING OUTSIDE THE  
MEETING ROOM DOOR  
ALL THIS TIME.

HE HAS  
SOMETHING  
IMPORTANT TO  
DISCUSS.



PASS A LAW  
SO THAT TWO  
MEN CAN MARRY  
EACH OTHER!!







PRINCE LUKA  
IS NOT A CITIZEN  
HERE

SO I'M AFRAID  
IT WOULD NOT  
MATTER...



WA... I REGRET  
TO TELL YOU

BUT EVEN IF  
LORRAINE PASSES  
SUCH A LAW,



WHY WERE YOU  
SO HONEST?

YOU COULD  
HAVE TALKED AROUND  
IT A LITTLE.

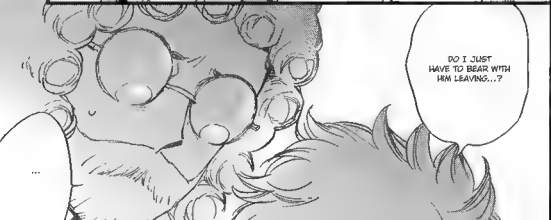
COULD YOU  
PLEASE BUTTON  
YOUR TRAP.

Awww



BUT WHY!? THE  
KING'S RIBBON WAS  
SUPPOSED TO WORK!

...I-I'M SORRY,  
I CAN'T HELP  
YOU.





IT WILL  
BE LONELY TO  
BE WITHOUT YOUR  
DEAR FRIEND,

BUT THAT FEELING IS  
PRECIOUS. IT'S PROOF  
OF YOUR FEELINGS  
FOR HIM.



I THINK  
YOU SHOULD TAKE  
THE CHANCE

BEFORE  
PRINCE LUKA  
LEAVES, TO CARVE  
THESE MEMORIES  
WITH HIM INTO  
YOUR HEART.



I CAN'T  
DO ANYTHING  
BECAUSE

I'M NOT LUKA'S  
KING, HUH...

MAJESTY...



IN THE FUTURE  
THEY WILL SUPPORT  
AND COMFORT YOU.

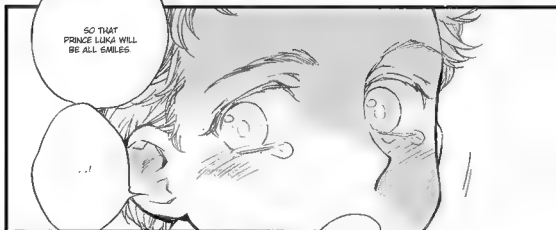




smile

THEN LET'S HOLD  
A FAREWELL PARTY  
FOR HIM!

WE'LL PREPARE  
FIREWORKS AND PLENTY  
OF SNACKS



SO THAT  
PRINCE LUKA WILL  
BE ALL SMILES

...!



DEAR ME

YES!

ALRIGHT,  
IT'S DECIDED!

LEAVE IT ALL  
TO ME.









DANGEROUS?  
HAS SOMETHING  
HAPPENED?

OH.. YOU'RE  
PRETTY SHARP,  
HUN.  
  
THERE'S SOME  
RUMOURS GOING  
AROUND.



THEN SHOULD  
I BRING HIM  
WITH ME. ?

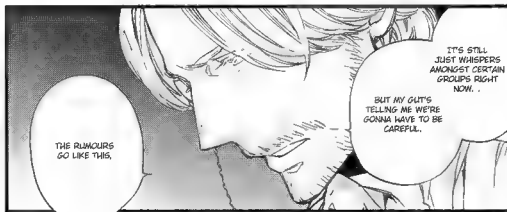
NOT A  
CHANCE, IT'S WAY  
TOO DANGEROUS  
RIGHT NOW!



YEAH. THERE'VE  
BEEN SOME RADICAL  
YOUTHS IN THE  
CASTLE TOWN

GOING ON  
ABOUT HERESY  
OR SOMESUCH.

RUMOURS?  
ABOUT LORD  
MONTAGUE?



THE RUMOURS  
GO LIKE THIS,

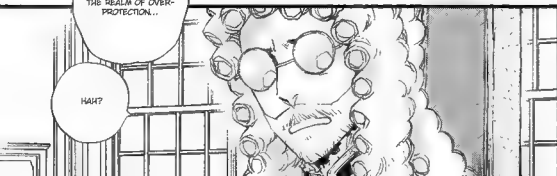
IT'S STILL  
JUST WHISPERS  
AMONGST CERTAIN  
GROUPS RIGHT  
NOW. .

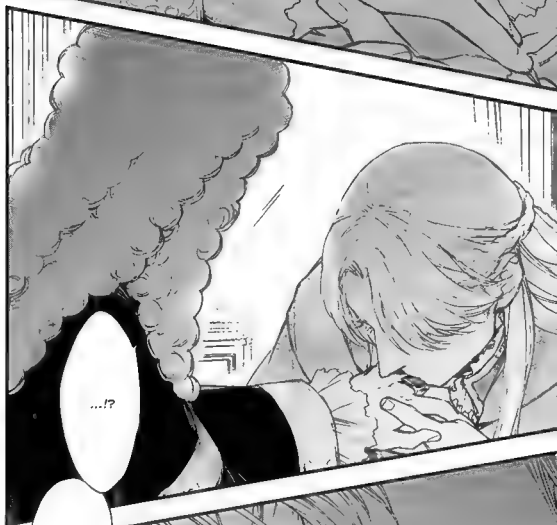
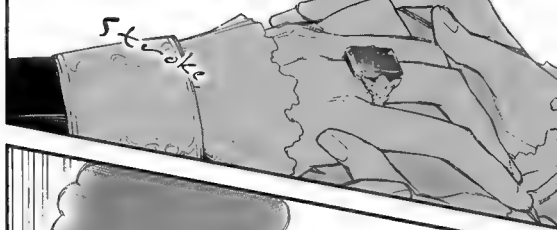
BUT MY GUT'S  
TELLING ME WE'RE  
GONNA HAVE TO BE  
CAREFUL.



'LORD MONTAGUE  
DOESN'T BELIEVE IN  
ANY DEITY.'

'HE IS WORSE  
THAN ANY HERETIC  
COULD EVER BE...'



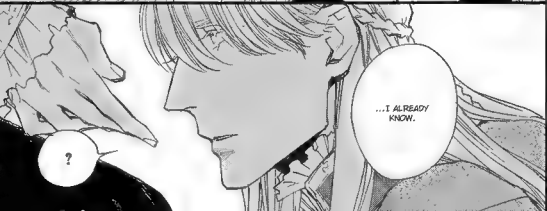


...!?

LORD  
MONTAGUE.











YOU WILL  
ALWAYS STAND  
BY MY SIDE.

AS LONG AS I DO  
NOT STRAY FROM THE  
CORRECT PATH...

!

LIFT

HMPH

RIGHT?

toss

AH, I CAN SMELL  
AGARWOOD!

THUMP

YOU'RE USING  
THE FRAGRANCE  
I GOT YOU!

BE SERIOUS  
OR PLAY AROUND  
BUT PICK ONE AND  
STICK TO IT!

Sniff  
huff  
Sniff  
huff  
huff

Glomp

JOEL!

UWAH!?

RATTLE

dangle

SHOVING

THAT'S NO  
EXCUSE TO ACT LIKE  
A DOG WHENEVER  
YOU'RE HAPPY!

I WAS  
INTENDING THIS TO  
BE A VERY SERIOUS  
DISCUSSION!

BUT THERE'S  
NO WAY THOSE  
WORDS WOULDN'T  
DELIGHT ME!

OH, THAT'S RIGHT.  
I WAS WORRIED  
ABOUT THE RUMOURS  
GOING AROUND  
CASTLE TOWN.

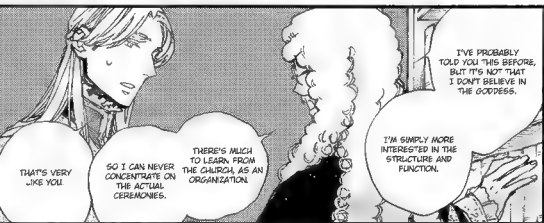
RUMOURS?

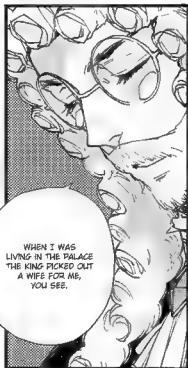
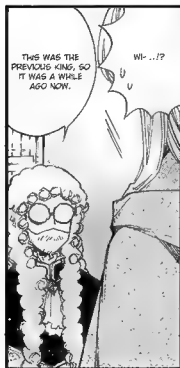
Dog  
again.

SO WHY DID  
YOU REALLY COME  
TO SEE ME?

LM. WHAT WAS  
IT AGAIN...?









ALL DISCUSSION  
OF MY MARRIAGE  
WAS PUT ASIDE, I  
MOVED OUT OF THE  
PALACE, AND NOW  
HERE I AM.

SHE RAN  
AWAY WITH ANOTHER  
ARISTOCRAT BEFORE THE  
WEDDING, IT WAS QUITE  
THE UPROAR.

SHE WAS  
AN ARISTOCRAT, SO  
SHE PROBABLY DON'T  
WANT TO GET MARRIED  
TO A COMMONER  
LIKE ME.



AFTER THE  
INITIAL WAVE OF  
EVERYTHING I IMAGINE  
I HAD QUITE THE DUMB  
LOOK ON MY FACE.

WELL THAT'S JUST..  
I CAN UNDERSTAND  
THE LADY BEING IN  
HIGH EMOTIONS  
ABOUT IT,

BUT IF I  
WERE YOU I WOULD  
HAVE BEEN BLANK  
WITH SHOCK.



WELL I DOUBT  
MY LOOKS ARE  
ATTRACTIVE TO THE  
YOUNG LADIES.

HAHAHA.

THAT WOMAN  
HAD NO TASTE  
AT ALL.

SHE WAS  
GOING TO MARRY A  
MAN WHO CAN HAND  
OVER 10,000 GOLD  
WITHOUT BATTLING  
AN EYELID.



I DERAILED  
US WITH THIS  
SILLINESS!

RIDICULOUS!  
YOU'RE  
ADORABLE!

YOU ARE SUPERB,  
BOTH INSIDE AND OUT!  
I WOULD HAVE TAKEN  
YOU TO THE ALTAR  
THAT VERY DAY!

frown



...IF I DID,  
DO YOU THINK I'D  
ACCEPT YOUR  
PROPOSAL?

ARE YOU REALLY NOT  
GOING TO PASS A LAW  
SO THAT YOU AND I  
CAN BE MARRIED?



I'M NOT  
SURE THAT  
I CAN.

IT'S JUST  
AN OLD DRINKING  
STORY, BEST TO  
FORGET IT.

Well  
THAT'S  
FAIR...



ONCE THE  
PASSION HAS  
PASSED, DISTANCE  
FORMS. THAT'S HOW  
HUMANS WORK.



THE DESIRE TO  
CONNECT BODIES IS  
A NATURAL ONE.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND  
THE MENTALITY THAT  
A FRIENDSHIP WOULD  
LAST LONGER THAN  
A ROMANCE.

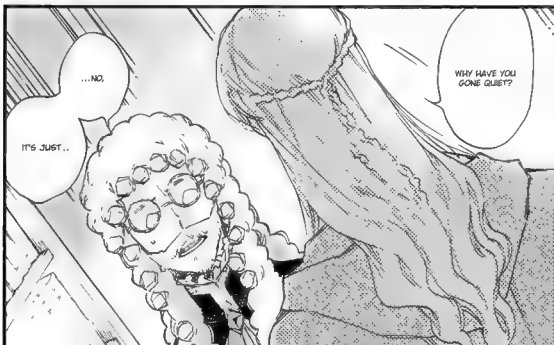
WELL... IT'S  
TRUE THIS ISN'T  
ALWAYS THE  
CASE, BUT

tit



THOSE WORDS MAKE  
IT SOUND LIKE YOU'RE  
SCARED THAT I MIGHT  
TOSS YOU ASIDE.







I THINK YOU  
HIT THE NAIL ON  
THE HEAD...



crowd

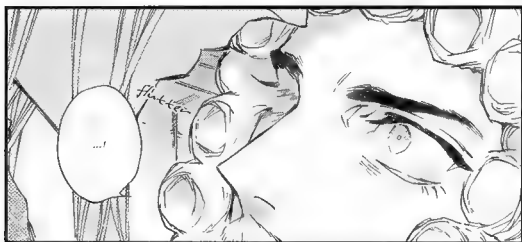
THEN DOES  
THIS MEAN THAT  
YOU...!?

DON'T JUMP TO  
CONCLUSIONS!



...IT WAS A  
HYPOTHETICAL  
DISCUSSION.

I WAS TALKING  
ABOUT UNDER  
SPECIFIC, FICTIONAL  
CIRCUMSTANCES





I WISH THAT  
OUR TIME TOGETHER  
WOULD NEVER END

I THINK OF YOU  
BEFORE I FALL ASLEEP  
EACH NIGHT



I COULD NEVER  
BEAR TO HURT YOU  
IN ANY WAY



I'M EMBARRASSED  
JUST LISTENING

...I'M IMPRESSED YOU  
CAN SAY SUCH THINGS  
WITHOUT A SHRED OF  
EMBARRASSMENT.



HOW DOES  
SEDUCTION MAKE  
YOU WANT TO  
LAUGH?!

COMEDY  
SKIT?!

WHENEVER YOU  
START TRYING TO  
SEDUCE ME, I FEEL  
LIKE I'M IN A  
COMEDY SKIT.



POUT

I THOUGHT  
AN ADVANCE  
RIGHT NOW WOULD  
BRING ME SOME  
SUCCESS.



...I FEEL THAT  
YOU MIGHT THINK ME  
DISINGENUOUS.

EVEN  
THOUGH YOU'RE  
THE ONE MAKING  
ADVANCES.



WH .

OBJECTIVELY  
SPEAKING, I'M  
MAKING USE OF  
YOUR SERVICES  
RIGHT NOW.

CONSIDERING MY  
SELF-INTEREST, THERE'S  
NO WAY I COULD ALLOW  
MYSELF TO FALL FOR  
YOUR ADVANCES.







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I NEED TO GO TO  
THE PALACE BEFORE  
I HEAD HOME.

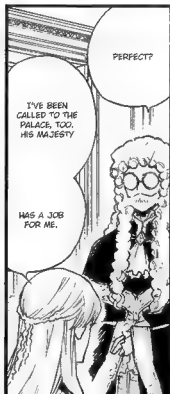
ADAM,



BUT IT'S MOST  
LIKELY ABOUT THE  
FAREWELL PARTY

YES, THE  
MESSENGER DIDN'T  
SAY WHAT FOR

HIS MAJESTY.. ?  
NOT THE QUEEN  
MOTHER?



PERFECT?

I'VE BEEN  
CALLED TO THE  
PALACE, TOO.  
HIS MAJESTY

HAS A JOB  
FOR ME.



IF IT IS,  
I HOPE I CAN DO  
WHATEVER SHE  
NEEDS OF ME.

IT'S NOT  
IMPOSSIBLE THAT THE  
MESSAGE IS FROM THE  
QUEEN MOTHER.

I can't put it  
into words. This  
murky feeling

Well, regardless,  
he goes wherever  
he will

Shall we  
eat at the  
palace?

I'm hungry



Hahh- I wonder  
when we'll be able  
to have dinner-

I d d tell him to  
cooperate with her  
before, but



WHAT IS IT?

NO... IT'S  
NOTHING.

CALL THE  
CARRIAGE  
FOR ME.



CAN YOU  
TEACH ME HOW  
TO DO A SECRET  
MARRIAGE?

HMM. SEEMS  
WE'VE JUMPED  
STRAIGHT TO THE  
UNTOWARD

NOW, WHAT  
DID YOU WANT TO  
TALK ABOUT?

UHM . WELL.

THEN FIRST YOU  
MUST PROPOSE AND  
HAVE HIM ACCEPT

NO, I'VE  
NOT ASKED  
HIM YET.

I DON'T  
MIND BUT

HAS PRINCE  
LUKA ACCEPTED  
YOUR MAJESTY'S  
PROPOSAL?

SECRET MARRIAGES  
ARE WHERE YOU  
MARRY WITHOUT FORMAL  
APPROVAL FROM  
THE CHURCH.

I DON'T  
REALLY UNDERSTAND.  
CAN'T I JUST MAKE  
A ROYAL DECREE?

THAT'S WHY  
PEOPLE WHOSE  
PARENTS DISAPPROVE  
OF THEIR MATCH OR  
HAVE OTHER HINDRANCES  
CHOOSE TO GET MARRIED  
IN SECRET INSTEAD.

IT TAKES TIME  
FOR THE CHURCH TO  
MAKE PREPARATIONS.  
YOU SEE THEY ALSO  
ASK ANY WITNESSES IF  
THEY HAVE OBJECTIONS TO  
THE MARRIAGE.

THIS MIGHT  
BE A BIT DIFFICULT  
TO UNDERSTAND. .

Hmm.

THERE YOU GO,  
EXERCISING ABSOLUTE  
AUTHORITY WITH SUCH  
CLEAR EYES--



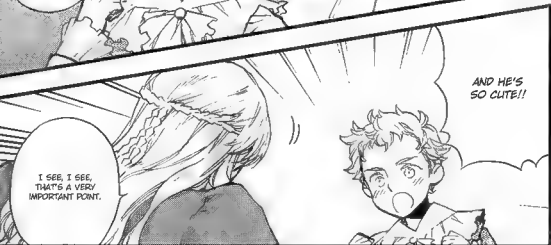


BUT HE NEVER  
ACTS STUCK UP  
ABOUT IT.

HE KNOWS ALL  
KINDS OF THINGS  
I DON'T.

AND HIS BODY'S  
WEAK, SO I HAVE  
TO PROTECT HIM!

AND... AND...  
UHL...



AND HE'S  
SO CUTE!!

I SEE, I SEE,  
THAT'S A VERY  
IMPORTANT POINT.



IF YOU CAN  
GET PRINCE LUKA TO  
FALL FOR YOUR LOOKS,  
TOO, THEN THAT IS THE  
FIRST STEP ON THE ROAD  
TO MARRIAGE. .

WHEN LOVING  
SOMEONE, THE FIRST  
THING WE MUST EXTOL  
IS APPEARANCE!

THIS IS ME  
SAYING IT, SO  
YOU CAN BE SURE  
I'M RIGHT.



YOU'RE A  
WONDERFUL KING,  
MAJESTY...

IF YOU  
BECOME MY VASSAL  
I'LL GIVE YOU  
A RING.  
YOU CAN  
PROTECT MONTAGUE  
FOREVER!

THE QUEEN OF  
XEHANA IS COMING  
TO THE FESTIVAL  
OF LIGHT?

THAT'S TRUE,  
BUT...

THE POPE'S AGE  
MEANS HIS MOBILITY  
IS LIMITED AND HE CANNOT  
MAKE IT, HENCE THE QUEEN'S  
ATTENDANCE.

THIS IS  
A DECISIVE  
MATTER

IT'S LORRAINE'S  
FIRST NATIONAL  
FESTIVAL OF  
LIGHT.

HAVING THE  
EMBODIMENT OF THE  
GODDESS HERSELF COME TO  
GIVE HER BLESSINGS WOULD  
BE A GREAT HONOR  
FOR LORRAINE.







APPARENTLY  
THE MAN IN IT WAS  
MODELLED ON YOUR  
VISCOUNT CANNING.

HE'S QUITE POPULAR  
AMONGST THE ARTISTIC  
COMMUNITY. THERE ARE  
LOT OF SONGS AND PLAYS  
USING HIM AS INSPIRATION.  
THERE'S EVEN A STATUE.



ONE OF  
XEHANA'S SONGS  
HAS MADE IT OVER  
THE BORDER.

IT'S A  
FILTHY THING  
THAT'S BEING SUNG  
IN EVERY DRINKING  
ESTABLISHMENT.

IT'S ABOUT A  
WOMAN APPEALING TO  
A MAN SHE'S FALLEN  
FOR, VERY FUNNY.



PLEASE DON'T,  
HE'S LIABLE TO GO  
FOR IT...

HA  
HA  
HA

HOW ABOUT YOU  
HAVE HIM TAKE PART  
IN THE DISPLAY?

HE'D PROBABLY  
DRAW IN QUITE  
THE CROWD.



THANK YOU  
VERY MUCH.

THE POPE WILLINGLY  
ARRANGED IT. YOU'LL  
BE AN AIDE IN THE  
LORRAINE BRANCH OF  
THE CHURCH.

OH, AND ABOUT  
THAT POSITION IN THE  
CHURCH YOU WERE  
ASKING ABOUT.

So that's where  
all his confidence  
comes from ?

Statue ?



I'LL APPOINT  
YOU AT THE  
NEXT MASS.

THAT WAS  
A LONG TIME  
AGO...

YOU'RE THE MAN  
WHO SAVED XEHANA,  
AFTER ALL.

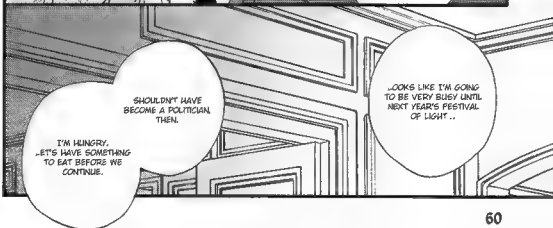
THE CHURCH  
WOULD NEVER TURN  
DOWN A REQUEST  
FROM YOU.



THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
CONSIDERATION.

MAKE SURE YOU  
START SHOWING UP  
OCCASIONALLY.

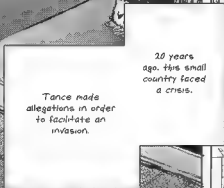
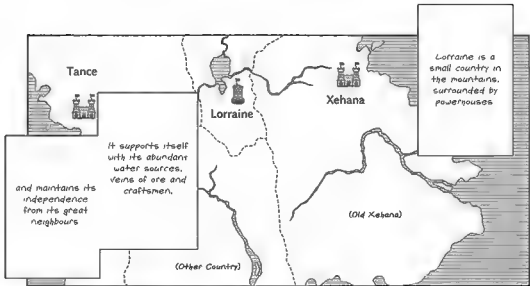
I USUALLY  
EXPLAIN YOUR  
ABSENCES AWAY AS  
YOU OFFERING PRAYERS  
FROM HOME.



SHOULDN'T HAVE  
BECOME A POLITICIAN  
THEN.

I'M HUNGRY.  
..LET'S HAVE SOMETHING  
TO EAT BEFORE WE  
CONTINUE.

LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING  
TO BE VERY BUSY UNTIL  
NEXT YEAR'S FESTIVAL  
OF LIGHT ..





Amongst all  
this confusion  
a young man  
stepped forward  
to offer the King  
a suggestion...

At the time,  
Lorraine's  
king had only  
recently been  
crowned  
  
He was a  
benign king,  
and he and his  
Privy Council  
were thrown  
into chaos



PLEASE CONSIDER  
TAKING A QUEEN FROM  
XEHANA'S ROYAL  
FAMILY.

HOW EXACTLY  
TO YOU INTEND  
TO MARRY MY  
BROTHER TO  
THE QUEEN OF  
XEHANA?

DON'T BE  
RIDICULOUS.  
XEHANA'S TO  
CROWN ITS ONLY  
UNMARRIED  
PRINCESS AS  
ITS QUEEN.



I AM NOT  
SUGGESTING YOU  
MARRY THEIR  
QUEEN.



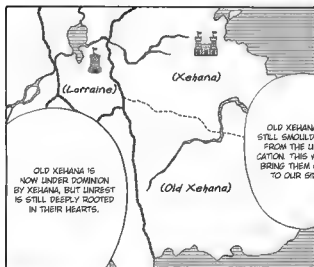
THE QUEEN  
OF XEHANA IS  
RELATED TO THEM  
AND WE COMED  
THEM TO COURT,

...IN OTHER  
WORDS.

BUT THE ONLY  
ONE WHO HAS ATTENDED  
IS THEIR ONLY DAUGHTER,  
A PRINCESS. . HER FATHER  
PASSED AWAY LAST YEAR  
WITHOUT EVER SEEING HIS  
DREAM OF SEEING HIS  
FAMILY RESTORED TO  
POWER COME TRUE.



THE ROYALTY  
OF OLD XEHANA,  
THE MEMBRADO FAMILY,  
IS IN A DELICATE POSITION  
AFTER THE UNIFICATION  
OF THE COUNTRY.. I  
RECOMMEND THEM..



OLD XEHANA IS NOW UNDER DOMINION BY XEHANA, BUT UNREST IS STILL DEEPLY ROOTED IN THEIR HEARTS.

(Xehana)

(Old Xehana)

OLD XEHANA IS STILL SMOULDERING FROM THE UNIFICATION. THIS WOULD BRING THEM OVER TO OUR SIDE.

...YES

WE TAKE THIS YOUNG WOMAN TO LORRAINE, THUS REMOVING A THORN FROM XEHANA'S SIDE, MAKING THEM INDEBTED TO US?



THIS WILL PIT THE THREE KINGDOMS AGAINST EACH OTHER. AND

WE NEED OLD XEHANA AS AN ALLY

TO FACE TANCE, WE NEED XEHANA AS AN ALLY. TO ACHIEVE THAT,



JUST LIKE THAT? THAT WOULD NEVER WORK.


SILENCE, SIMON.

NO ONE ELSE HAS SUGGESTED ANYTHING LIKE THIS.



WE COULD THEN USE THIS TO FORM A PERMANENT PEACE AGREEMENT WITH ALL THREE.





AND HAVE IT  
WRITTEN INTO THE  
TREATY THAT 'SHOULD  
ANY OF THE SIGNATORIES  
SUFFER AN ATTACK, THE  
OTHER MEMBERS OF THIS  
ALLIANCE WILL COME  
TO THEIR AID.'

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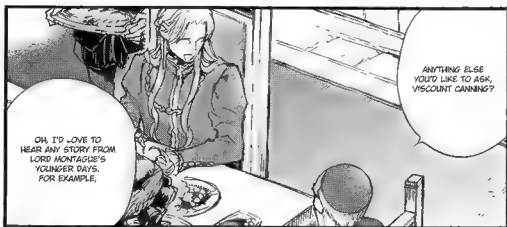
WHAT THAT  
AUDACIOUS YOUNG  
STUDENT SAID TO THE  
FORMER KING.

PLEASE DON'T  
TALK LIKE YOU  
WERE THERE.

YOU HAD YET  
TO EVEN ARRIVE  
IN LORRAINE AT  
THAT POINT

Ohhhhhh







BUT YOUR  
VISCOUNT WANTS  
TO KNOW.

HE'S NOT MY  
ANYTHING!!

OH,  
SCARY.

BAM



DID YOU  
NOT HAVE SOME  
MADE AND SENT OFF  
FOR MATCHMAKING  
PURPOSES? THERE'S  
PROBABLY PLENTY  
LYING AROUND

THERE  
SHOULD  
BE SOME  
PORTRAITS.

OF COURSE  
NOT, I REFUSED ALL  
MATCHMAKING...

ANYWAY, LET'S  
NOT TALK  
ABOUT THIS  
ANYMORE!



I'D ALREADY  
MOVED TO LORRAINE BY  
THE TIME YOU ARRIVED  
IN XEHANA'S COURT,  
AFTER ALL...

OH, I'M  
VERY HAPPY TO  
HEAR IT.

I'VE NEVER  
GOTTEN TO TALK  
WITH YOU LIKE THIS  
BEFORE, CARDINAL.  
YOU'RE A GOOD MAN.  
I GET THE FEELING

WE'LL GET ALONG  
FAMOUSLY.



LOOKS LIKE  
BOTH THE  
PHILANTHROPIST'S  
ARE GETTING  
ALONG LIKE A  
HOUSE ON FIRE

slump

IT'S SUCH A  
SHAME I WASN'T  
ABLE TO SEE THESE  
ANECDOTES WITH MY  
OWN EYES.

ha  
ha  
ha

Oh, I'm not such a  
good storyteller  
as that





...HE MADE  
MY LIFE IN THE  
PALACE HELL.

HE WOULD  
OPPOSE  
EVERYTHING  
MONTAGUE  
PROPOSED.

SIGH  
BUT HE WAS  
A FIRM BELIEVER  
IN ARISTOCRATIC  
CONSERVATISM,  
SO THEY NEVER  
GOT ON WELL  
TOGETHER.



WELL, IT WASN'T  
ALL GOOD

HIS MAJESTY'S  
UNCLE... THE FORMER  
KING'S YOUNGER  
BROTHER, SIMON,  
IS THE SAME AGE  
AS MONTAGUE,



IF I COULD GO  
BACK IN TIME, I'D  
DEFINITELY STOP  
MYSELF.

WELL, I WAS  
YOUNG THEN...

OHhh  
YOU'VE NEVER  
HAD ANY SOCIAL  
SAVVY.

WELL, YOU NEVER  
LEFT HIM ANY DIGNITY.  
DID YOU? YOU'D BEAT  
HIM SOUNDLY  
IN CARDS.

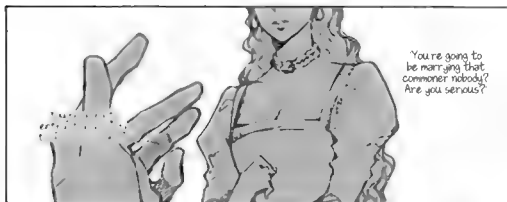


I WON'T  
BE STAYING  
FOR IT.

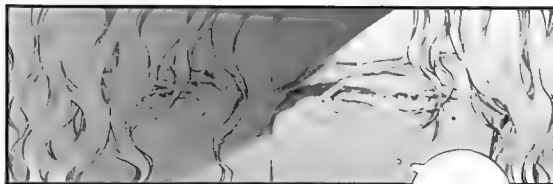
INDEED! FEEL  
FREE TO COME  
OVER ANY TIME,  
VISCOUNT.

I'D LOVE TO  
COME TO THE  
PALACE AND DINE  
WITH YOU AGAIN,  
CARDINAL.

THE WINE  
TODAY HAS BEEN  
DELICIOUS!



You're going to  
be marrying that  
commoner nobody?  
Are you serious?



Then to become  
betrothed to the  
most beautiful woman  
in court how full  
of pride must  
I have been

He would take  
every opportunity  
to disagree with  
me and lower my  
standing with  
my brother

He's always  
been an  
eyesore

He was smarter  
than me. my  
brother trusted  
him more than me.  
the people adored  
him more than me

Everything  
about him  
drove me  
to fury

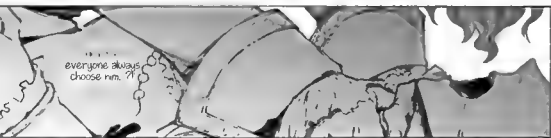


Why do you  
refuse me?  
I'm the king's  
younger  
brother!

Why do you  
refuse me?  
I'm the king's  
younger  
brother!



everyone always  
chose him.



**CRASH**

IF THAT MAN  
HADN'T INTERFERED MY  
LIFE WOULD HAVE BEEN  
SMOOTH SAILING!!

I WOULD HAVE  
BEEN GOVERNING  
THE COUNTRY AFTER  
MY BROTHER'S  
EARLY DEATH!

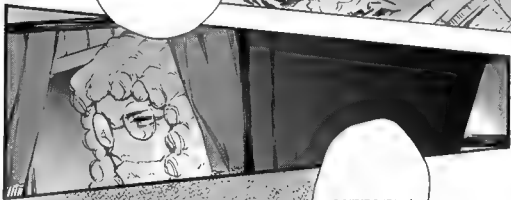




...WILL I LIVE  
MY WHOLE LIFE IN  
THAT MAN'S SHADOW?  
I'M GOING TO TOSS HIM  
INTO THE RIVER,



JUST LIKE I DID  
TO THAT GIRL..



I SWEAR I WILL...!



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WOW! LUKA,  
THAT COSTUME  
REALLY SUITS YOU!



.....  
.....  
.....



WE'RE HAVING  
A WOODLAND  
TEA-PARTY!

THANK YOU FOR  
INVITING ME...

THERE'S LOADS  
OF SNACKS SO  
ENJOY YOURSELF!

UM... WHAT  
IS THIS...?



DID THE ADULTS  
REALLY HAVE TO  
JOIN IN?

OF COURSE!  
IT'S A WOODLAND  
TEA-PARTY!

HOW CAN THE  
CHILDREN ENJOY  
THEMSELVES IF THE  
ADULTS AREN'T?







INDEED,  
BUT THIS PARTY  
WILL HELP EASE  
THE ACHE.

VISCOUNT  
CANNING,

I'M SURE YOU'LL  
MISS PRINCE LIKA  
DEARLY.

AND PRINCE  
FREDALIX, IT'S BEEN  
A WHILE.



I HAD THE  
CHAMBERLAIN  
PREPARE A SELECTION  
OF FRUITS, MASTER  
GIL, SO I HOPE YOU  
ENJOY THEM.

EXCUSE ME.

AH... THANK YOU.



I JUST  
HEARD SOME OF THE  
GUESTS SAYING THAT  
YOU ORGANIZED  
EVERYTHING?

IT'S WONDERFUL,  
VERY XEHANIAN.

I JUST EMPLOYED  
SOME EXCELLENT  
ENTERTAINERS.

I'M GLAD  
TO HEAR YOU'RE  
ENJOYING IT.











**BUT I'M  
A BOY!**

THAT'S  
NOT WHAT  
I MEAN!

YOU ONLY  
WANT TO MARRY ME  
BECAUSE I LOOK LIKE  
A GIRL, RIGHT!?



WELL, YEAH,  
I KNOW THAT.

THAT'S WHY  
I WAS ASKING  
EVERYONE.

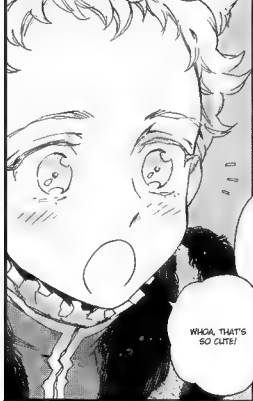


IS THAT  
WHAT WANTING  
TO MARRY YOU  
BECAUSE YOU'RE  
CUTE IS. . ?

UH...  
MAYBE...?

**YES!**





SO CAN YOU  
STOP CALLING  
ME CUTE?

WHOA, THAT'S  
SO CUTE!



I'M SORRY,  
BUT THAT WAS  
REALLY CUTE!

TAM!



I DON'T THINK  
IT'S LIKE THAT.

EH?

HEY,  
LUKA.



THEN I MIGHT  
UNDERSTAND WHAT  
YOU DON'T LIKE,

SHLOO

AND YOU  
MIGHT UNDERSTAND  
ME, TOO.



Slide

BU-  
DUMP

HELP ME WITH  
THE CLOTHES?

....!



SO LET'S SWAP  
CLOTHES WITH EACH  
OTHER, OK!



Ok, arms up!

Help me with  
mine, too

Uuu...  
This feels  
way more  
embarrassing

BUDUMP  
BUDUMP



WELL?  
HOW DO I  
LOOK?

OKAY!

ta-deh

THEY DON'T  
LOOK BAD,  
BUT... LMA

THEY'RE NOT  
VERY YOU...?

RIGHT?







I DON'T LIKE YOU  
BECAUSE YOU LOOK  
LIKE A GIRL.



I FEEL ALL  
SOFT INSIDE WHEN  
I LOOK AT YOU.

AND LIKE I  
CAN BE SUPER  
STRONG.



I CAN BECOME  
A REALLY STRONG  
KING WITH YOU AS  
MY FRIEND.

THANK YOU,  
LUKA!



SHOCK

I STILL  
DON'T LIKE BEING  
CALLED CLITE.



EH?

HHH

...I FEEL  
LIKE IT'S GETTING  
WORSE INSTEAD  
OF BETTER...



BUT  
I'M GLAD.

EHHE.



I ALWAYS  
THOUGHT

THAT CHRIS  
LIKED 'LIKA THE GIRL',  
EVEN THOUGH I'M  
NOT ONE.





BUT YOU  
WERE SEEING  
ME AS I AM.

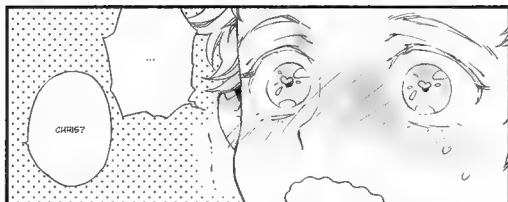
I'M GLAD.

THAT MAKES ME  
REALLY HAPPY,

CHRIS

BUDUMP

...





NO.

NO, NO, IT'S NOTHING..

Sighh

FOR ADULTS, EXCHANGING YOUR CLOTHES LIKE THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN A DECLARATION OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP..

I THOUGHT MY HEART WAS GOING TO JUMP OUT MY MOUTH.

?

OF SO OF SO



BUT

I'LL WRITE YOU LOTS OF LETTERS

I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOUR REPLY'S BACK IN TANCE.





I think you should  
take the chance to  
carve these memories  
into your heart

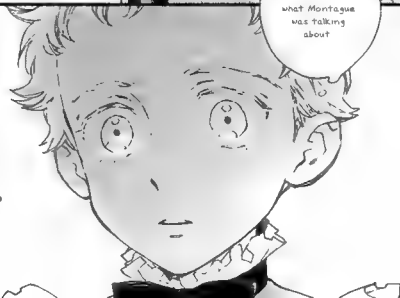
In the future  
they will support  
and comfort you



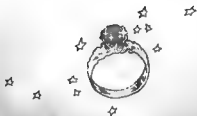
I see

So this is  
what Montague  
was talking  
about

I never  
want to forget  
how pretty he  
is like this



Like a beautiful  
ring with a  
sparkling gem...



I'll remember  
this in the  
future and  
admire it...



ADAM!

WHAT'S ALL  
THE FUSS?

ADAM ARE  
YOU HERE!

...WE'VE  
FOUND

SECRETARY  
BASIL'S BODY...!

THERE  
YOU ARE!

IT'S  
MONTAGUE'S  
MISSING  
SECRETARY.  
HE'S BEEN  
FOUND...

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WOW!  
FIREWORKS!

WOW, CHRIS. .!

THEY'RE SO  
PRETTY!

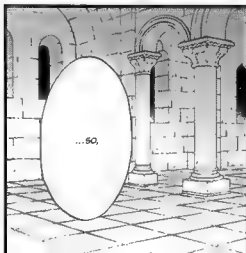


TAKE OVER  
FOR ME.

DID YOU DO  
THIS FOR ME?

SIR.

YEAH  
IT'S YOUR  
FAREWELL  
PARTY



...SO,



CLICK



Crack...







HE WAS WEARING HIS VESTMENTS, SO THE CHURCH AND PALACE WERE NOTIFIED QUICKLY.

HE WAS FOUND IN THE CANALS SURROUNDING THE PALACE

THIS MORNING BY A FERRYMAN, JUST BEFORE HE COULD BE WASHED OUT TO SEA.

WE JUST HAD A FAMILY MEMBER IDENTIFY THE BODY, AND IT'S DEFINITELY HIM...



IT MAY BE THE WORK OF A ROBBER, BUT...

THAT TAKES SOME POWER. I CAN'T IMAGINE IT WAS SOMEONE WITH A GRUDGE

IT'S CLEAR THAT HE WAS STABBED IN THE CHEST. A SINGLE THRUST TO THE HEART...



IN OTHER WORDS, HE SEEMS TO HAVE GOTTEN MASSACRED BY SOMEONE.

HIS PARENTS FILED A REQUEST TO SEARCH FOR HIM SEVERAL DAYS AGO.

THE YOUNG VALET WHO ATTENDED HIM IS ALSO MISSING.

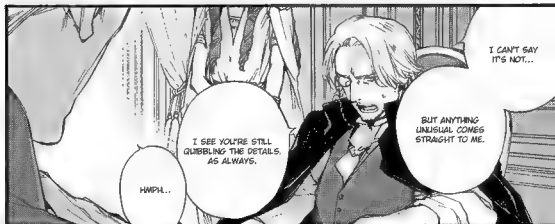




HOWEVER, IS IT  
POSSIBLE THAT THE  
KILLER IS HIDING  
THEMSELVES AND  
LYING LOW, LIKE  
YOUR SPIES?

IF YOU SAY  
SO, THEN IT MUST  
BE TRUE.

YOU'VE  
NOT CHANGED,  
CAPTAIN LIZT



I SEE YOU'RE STILL  
QUIBBLING THE DETAILS,  
AS ALWAYS.

HMPH...

BUT ANYTHING  
UNUSUAL COMES  
STRAIGHT TO ME.

I CAN'T SAY  
IT'S NOT...



INDEED...

WE COULD  
USE THIS AS  
A REASON TO  
CRACK DOWN ON  
THEM, BUT

WHAT SHOULD  
WE DO ABOUT  
THE HERETICS,  
MONTAGUE?

TRACING THEIR  
STEPS ON THE DAY  
THEY DISAPPEARED TO TRY  
AND FIND THE MISSING  
CHILD IS ABOUT THE  
LIMIT OF IT...

THEN THERE'S  
LITTLE WE CAN DO  
RIGHT NOW.



NATURALLY  
ANYONE WOULD  
PREFER A FESTIVAL  
OVER A RIOT!

I'D PREFER THEY  
CHANGE THEIR STANCE  
VOLUNTARILY, AFTER  
EXPERIENCING WHAT  
THE FESTIVAL IS FOR  
THEMSELVES.

I see.

MOST OF  
THE HERETICS  
ARE YOUNG PEOPLE  
WITH LITTLE ACTUAL  
KNOWLEDGE OF  
THE FAITH.



I REALLY  
DON'T WANT TO  
MAKE ANY WAVES  
UNTIL THE FESTIVAL  
OF LIGHT IS OVER.



ADAM, WAIT,  
I'D LIKE YOU TO  
JOIN THE PLANNING  
COMMITTEE.

WE SHOULD BE  
ABLE TO DISGUISE  
AN INVESTIGATION  
AS PART OF THE  
SET-UP...

THAT'S WHY  
I'VE DECLARED IT A  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY AND  
I'M HAVING THE  
TOWN DECORATED.  
I WANT TO MAKE IT  
INTO A GRAND  
HOLIDAY.





INDEED, THE  
KING'S RETAINERS  
HAVE ALREADY HAD A  
GOOD LOOK AT  
YOUR ABILITIES.  
NO ONE SHOULD  
OBJECT.

AHA...  
I SEE.

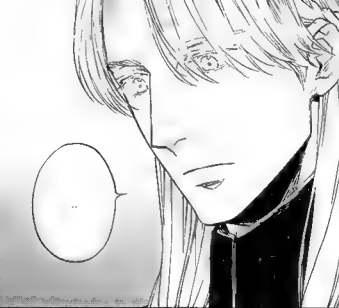
GUESS THIS  
'LEAVING PARTY'  
WAS USEFUL  
AFTER ALL.



I WANT TO GIVE  
YOU ALL LORRAINE  
CITIZENSHIP.

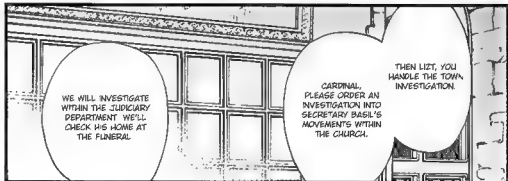
WE'LL CATCH THE  
CULPRIT WITH OUR  
OWN HANDS.

...I'M OFFICIALLY  
DECLARING THIS AS  
FALLING UNDER MY  
JURISDICTION.



NOT TO LET  
YOU DOWN.

WELL, THIS SURE  
IS A BIG JOB.  
WE'LL MAKE SURE



WE WILL INVESTIGATE  
WITHIN THE JUDICIARY  
DEPARTMENT. WE'LL  
CHECK HIS HOME AT  
THE FUNERAL.

CARDINAL,  
PLEASE ORDER AN  
INVESTIGATION INTO  
SECRETARY BASIL'S  
MOVEMENTS WITHIN  
THE CHURCH.

THEN LIZI, YOU  
HANDLE THE TOWN  
INVESTIGATION.



I'VE ORDERED  
MY VALET TO ASK  
AROUND.

HE'LL LET  
ME KNOW.

HAS ANYONE  
RECEIVED  
THREATENING  
LETTERS REGARDING  
ALL THIS?

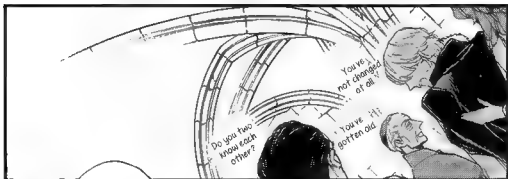


I hope t's  
unrelated,

but from this  
whole situation,  
I doubt it

LET'S END  
IT HERE FOR  
TODAY.

I'M COUNTING  
ON YOU ALL.



JOEL.





...

THAT'S VERY  
LIKE YOU.

TURNING A  
TEA PARTY INTO  
A BALL...



YOU CAN  
HEAR THE MUSIC  
FROM HERE.

THEY'VE  
STARTED THE  
EVENING BALL.



WAAH...!

!?



SLAM

F4

I ALWAYS END  
UP DOING THINGS  
LIKE THIS.

PLEASE  
DON'T RUN FROM  
ME, JOEL.

...ADAM...



SOUNDS  
ABOUT  
RIGHT..

?



I KNEW  
YOU'D SAY THAT  
YOU CAN'T OFFEND  
ME THAT WAY

.. I CAN'T  
BELIEVE YOU'RE  
NOT BORED OF  
THIS YET..




WH-

WHAT?








IF YOU WERE A  
YOUNG LADY, I WOULD  
TAKE YOU BACK TO THE  
BALL AND DANCE  
WITH YOU .

DEAR ME, WHAT  
A QUANDARY.



...

IS THIS  
YOU



TO TELL YOU THE  
TRUTH, I HAVE NO IDEA  
WHAT TO DO TO HELP YOU  
FEEL BETTER OR TO  
CLEAR YOUR MIND

SO I THOUGHT  
A LITTLE REST  
MIGHT WORK.

I DON'T  
HAVE TIME TO  
REST...



TRYING  
TO FLY  
OVER ME?

YOU CAN  
TELL?



IT'S ALRIGHT, WE  
CAN MAKE TIME.



EVEN IF WE  
REJOIN THE BALL,  
THERE'S NOTHING  
WE CAN DO THERE,  
RIGHT?

...NGH.



TRY LISTENING  
VERY CAREFULLY.

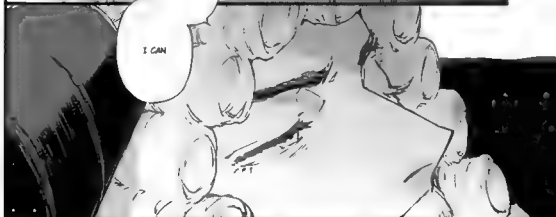


SITTING IN THE  
DARK AND LISTENING  
TO THE FAINT STRAINS  
OF FAR-OFF MUSIC  
IS SURPRISINGLY  
COMFORTING.



...IT'S  
QUIET

I CAN



ALMOST  
FORGET

MM

WHERE  
I AM...









..I'M FALLING  
ASLEEP.

THAT'S THE IDEA.  
DON'T WORRY,

I'LL WAKE  
YOU UP WHEN  
IT'S TIME.



IT HELPS  
YOU TO RELAX  
KNOWING, I'M  
HERE, RIGHT?

HMM, I'M  
SUCH A GOOD  
SUBORDINATE.



BUT HOW WILL I  
GET CREDIT FOR MY  
DEEDS IF I DON'T  
REPORT THEM?

MAYBE IF  
YOU DIDN'T SAY IT  
YOURSELF...



WELL, CONSIDERING  
I'M YOUR FRIEND AND  
IN UNREQUITED LOVE  
WITH YOU



NORMALLY  
SUBORDINATES  
WOULDN'T OFFER THEIR  
JAPS AS PILLOWS  
THOUGHT?

REALLY?



THIS IS JUST  
ABOUT

CREAK



whoosh









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PRINCE LUKA



DON'T LET  
THE WIND IN, YOU'LL  
CATCH A COLD.

OKAY



JUST A LITTLE  
LONGER .

CLANG!



SHING

YOU MIGHT  
DO WELL AS A  
SPEARMAN

HWAA

YOUR SKILL NEEDS  
WORK, BUT YOU HAVE  
GOOD VIGOR

THUMP

WHAAT?









SUMMERS  
IN LORRAINE ARE  
SHORT, TOO.

IT FEELS  
LIKE TIME PASSES  
FASTER HERE.

THEY GROW UP  
SO FAST.



I'M BAD WITH  
THE COLD...

THAT'S PRETTY  
SENTIMENTAL  
OF YOU.

OUR WINTERS  
ARE LONG, THOUGH,  
SO BETTER BE READY  
FOR THAT.

W-WHY DO I  
HAVE TO...

LOOK,  
EVERYONE!  
THE CAPTAIN'S  
HERE TO SEE  
YOU!

LISTEN  
TO ME!

Droo...

Ohhh!

HAH!?



ALRIGHT, SINCE  
YOU'RE HERE,  
LIONEL,

GO AND SHOW  
THE PEOPLE WHAT  
THE CAPTAIN OF THE  
KING'S GUARD  
CAN DO.

CAPTAIN,  
CAN YOU COME  
BACK SOON?

THE HOPEFULS  
DON'T REALLY  
WANT TO SPAR  
WITH US...

OH, RIGHT.







I DOUBT YOU'RE  
GOING TO STAY HOLED  
UP IN THESE ROOMS  
FOREVER.



YOU STILL  
REFER TO THEM AS  
'OUR GARDENS'.

SO YOU  
OBVIOUSLY HAVE A  
PLAN. TELL ME.



*Smirk*



IT WAS THE  
TOWNSPEOPLE  
WHO WENT  
MISSING.

OF COURSE IT  
DIDN'T ACTUALLY  
DISAPPEAR.

DO YOU  
KNOW THE TOWN  
THAT DISAPPEARED  
A FEW YEARS AGO?  
RUMOURS ABOUT  
ABOUT IT



THE PEOPLE SAID IT  
WAS PLAGUED OR CURSED  
AND REFUSED TO GO  
ANYWHERE NEAR.

THERE WAS A  
MERCHANT WHO,  
WANTING TO CONFIRM  
THE TRUTH, TRAVELLED  
TO THE TOWN.

HE NEVER  
CAME BACK.

EVEN NOW, IT'S  
COMPLETELY EMPTY.  
A GHOST TOWN.

...HOW IS THAT  
RELATED TO THIS?





IT'S VITALLY  
RELATED!



...I'VE NO HEAD FOR  
POLITICS, BUT I'M VERY  
GOOD AT BUSINESS

I MADE SURE  
MOST OF MY FORTUNE  
WAS SECRETLY MOVED  
ABROAD.



AND MY MOTHER  
LEFT ME A TOWN IN  
THE SMALL NORTHERN  
COUNTRY THAT WAS  
HER MOTHERLAND.

I RECOVERED  
MYSELF THERE AFTER MY  
ESCAPE





SO WHY THEN,  
PRINCE LOUIS,

IF I HAVE ALL  
THAT AM I SO DESOLATE  
THAT I HAVE TO RELY  
ON YOUR GOLD?

BECAUSE YOU'RE  
FUNNELLING IT  
SOMEWHERE?

CORRECT!




THEN THERE  
WERE THE BRIBES  
TO THE SOLDIERS AND  
ARISTOCRATS. I'M  
FLAT-OUT BROKE.

IT TOOK SOME TIME  
TO PUT EVERYTHING INTO  
ACTION... NOW, HERE'S  
THE TRUTH.



I'VE BEEN BUYING  
MERCENARIES AND  
WEAPONS FROM  
NEIGHBOURING  
COUNTRIES.

MORE THAN  
ENOUGH TO ATTACK  
THIS COUNTRY



ALL THOSE  
MISSING TOWNSPEOPLE  
ARE BURIED SIX FEET  
UNDER THAT TOWN.

I'VE HAD  
MY ARMOURY LONG  
BEFORE I WENT TO FREE  
THIS COUNTRY.



OH, WE HAD A  
PLAGUE SWEEPING  
THROUGH AT  
THE TIME.

THIS COUNTRY ISN'T  
SO BIG THAT NO-ONE  
WOULD NOTICE AN  
ENTIRE TOWN .

THAT JOKE  
ISN'T FUNNY,  
LORD SIMON.



THERE WERE  
PLENTY OF TOWNS  
WIPE OUT.



I COULD HAVE  
EASILY BECOME  
KING..

AH-HH... IF ONLY  
IT HAD STRUCK A YEAR  
EARLIER, MY NEPHEW  
WOULD NEVER HAVE  
BEEN BORN.

sigh

IT EVEN KILLED  
MY BROTHER, THE  
PREVIOUS KING.

ALTHOUGH I FAILED  
TO SEIZE THE THRONE  
IN THE CONFUSION...





HAA. 7

OUR  
CIRCUMSTANCES  
WERE SO  
SIMILAR!

IT MUST HAVE  
TAKEN QUITE A LOT  
OF GROUNDWORK.



I SEE.. YOU  
WERE A CHILD  
WHO WANTED 'IT'  
TO DISAPPEAR,  
TOO.

IF THAT'S WHAT  
YOU WANT, I DON'T  
MIND GRANTING THAT  
WISH FOR YOU..

WHAT ARE  
YOU TALKING  
ABOUT...?



WITHOUT THAT  
SINGLE CHILD IT  
WOULD HAVE BEEN  
A SIMPLE THING  
I HAVE SUCH  
TERRIBLE LUCK.

AND YOU  
HAVE BRILLIANT  
LUCK!

...



NOW...

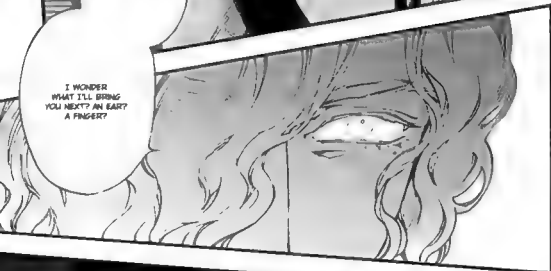
I WONDER WHAT  
THIS COULD BE?





THIS IS  
TODAY'S GIFT.

THAT'S...!



I WONDER  
WHAT I'LL BRING  
YOU NEXT? AN EAR?  
A FINGER?



I CAN'T  
HAVE YOU RUNNING,  
PRINCE LOUIS

I STILL HAVE  
THINGS I NEED  
YOU FOR.

YOU...!







I COULDN'T  
CARE LESS WHAT  
THE LOWER CLASSES  
THINK.

WHETHER A  
KING IS BENEVOLENT  
OR A TYRANT, HE IS  
STILL A KING.

HE WHO KILLS  
WILL EVENTUALLY  
BE KILLED HIMSELF.  
I'M WELL AWARE  
OF THAT.



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SO I THOUGHT  
TO MYSELF, 'JUST  
ONCE I WANT TO STAND  
AT THE TOP'.

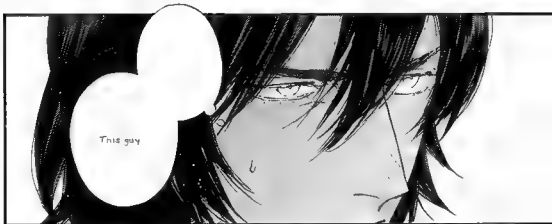
I WAS BORN  
TO SECOND  
PLACE.

AS A VASSAL I  
WAS LOWER THAN  
EVEN THAT... I WAS  
WRETCHED.



I DON'T CARE  
IF I FAIL.. I JUST  
WANT TO TRY.

IF I CAN FIND MY  
IDEAL VISION, WITH ALL  
THE DROSS CUT AWAY,  
THEN WHY WOULDN'T  
I WANT TO TRY?



This guy



OH, SO  
HONEST?

PERHAPS  
YOU CARE FOR  
HIM MORE THAN  
I THOUGHT?

YOU... SAID  
BEFORE THAT YOU  
THOUGHT YOU AND  
I WERE ALIKE.

BUT I THINK THAT  
LUKA'S SITUATION IS  
CLOSER TO YOURS  
THAN MINE IS.



WELL, ANYWAY,  
YOUR LITTLE  
BROTHER'S SAFETY  
DEPENDS ON YOUR  
WALLET.

IF YOU WANT  
HIM TAKEN CARE OF  
WELL YOU'LL NEED  
TO PAY UP ♡

...I WILL.



HMM... SO I'M  
WHAT YOUR BROTHER  
WILL BECOME?

THAT'S JUST  
FINE.



JUST WHAT  
HAPPENS TO THOSE  
WHO HAVE THE  
CROWN SNATCHED  
FROM THEM.

LOOKING AT  
HOW TWISTED  
YOU'VE BECOME,  
I CAN SEE



EVENTUALLY THERE  
COMES A DAY WHEN  
EVERYONE, EVEN YOUR  
BROTHER, LAMENTS THEIR  
OWN MISFORTUNE.

IF THERE'S ONE  
PERSON WHO CAN RESIST  
BEING TWISTED BY IT, I'D  
LOVE TO MEET THEM.

I THOUGHT ONLY  
OF MYSELF,

BUT THERE ARE  
OTHERS AS UNLUCKY  
AS ME IT SEEMS.





HEY, HE  
TOLD YOU THEY'RE  
INVESTIGATING...

AND YET  
YOU... YOU...

FATHER  
TOLD ME!

YOU DIDN'T  
OFFER A SINGLE  
PRAYER DURING THE  
FUNERAL, YOU JUST  
STOOD THERE  
WHISPERING...!

MURMUR...

HE SAID  
THAT LORD  
MONTAGUE BELIEVES  
IN NO GOD!

HE SAID  
LORD MONTAGUE  
MAY BE A DEEPLY  
SINFUL MAN!

This is bad!



YET YOU  
WERE THE ONE  
WHO REPEALED  
THE CAPITAL  
PUNISHMENT  
FOR THAT  
CRIME!

FATHER  
ALWAYS  
THOUGHT  
THAT WAS  
SUSPICIOUS!

HE SAID THAT  
NO MATTER HOW  
MANY TIMES HE  
SUGGESTED IT, YOU  
REFUSED TO MAKE  
SURE THE HERETICS  
WERE BROUGHT  
TO HEEL .



MADAM,  
PLEASE CALM  
DOWN .

FATHER  
APPEALED SO  
MANY TIMES FOR  
HERETICS TO BE  
PUNISHED!



THOSE VERY  
SAME HERETICS WERE  
THE ONES WHO  
KILLED HIM!

IT WAS YOU...  
IT'S YOUR FAULT  
HE'S...!

ENOUGH OF THIS  
SPECULATION.



CARDINAL BRANDON...

YET HERE YOU  
STAND, SHOUTING  
ABOUT MALICIOUS  
MOTIVES. .  
YOUR FATHER  
WILL NOT BE ABLE  
TO PASS ON IN  
FOR WORRY.



CERTAINLY THIS  
MAN IS TIGHT-LIPPED,  
AWKWARD, STUBBORN  
AND UNFRIENDLY.

BUT HE IS  
NO UNBELIEVER...  
HE HOLDS THE FAITH,  
JUST AS WE DO.

HAVE YOU  
NOT GIVEN IT TO  
HER YET? BRING  
IT OUT.

R-RIGHT



murmur...

WE ARE ALL HERE  
TODAY TO SEE YOUR  
FATHER SAFELY ON  
HIS WAY TO THE  
GODDESS' SIDE.



HE ASKED  
THE MAIN CHURCH  
IN KEHANA TO  
SEND THIS.

THIS WHITE  
SHROUD IS  
EXCLUSIVE-Y FOR  
HOLY MEN.





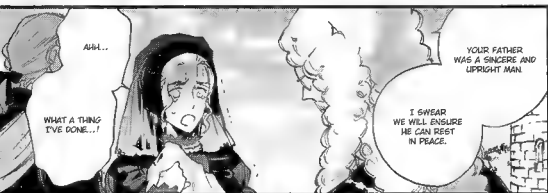
I'M DEEPLY  
SORRY.

TO MAKE SURE  
THE SHROUD ARRIVED  
IN TIME FOR TODAY'S  
FUNERAL..

LORD MONTAGUE  
REPORTED YOUR  
FATHER'S WORKS TO THE  
POPE, AND DID EVERY-  
THING POSSIBLE



O-OHH...!



AHH...

WHAT A THING  
I'VE DONE...!

YOUR FATHER  
WAS A SINCERE AND  
UPRIGHT MAN.

I SWEAR  
WE WILL ENSURE  
HE CAN REST  
IN PEACE.



'Those  
around me'

Which means  
someone here has  
been pouring poison  
into her ear

I'll need to  
keep an eye out  
for the source of  
that gaze



I LISTENED  
TO THE WORDS  
OF THOSE  
AROUND ME...

AND SAID  
SUCH FOOLISH  
THINGS.

NOT AT  
ALL... THIS IS  
A HARD TIME  
FOR YOU.





BARBARITIES Ep 25



MY,



IT'S QUITE COLD  
THIS MORNING...

WINTER IS  
JUST AROUND  
THE CORNER.



MORNING,  
CHRIS.

GOOD MORNING,  
MOTHER.

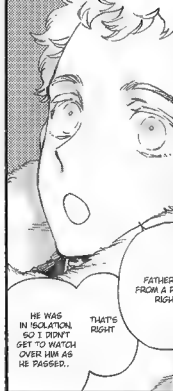
OH, AREN'T  
YOU COLD?

GET CHRIS  
A JACKET



IT'S ALMOST  
THE 11TH ANNI-  
VERSARY  
OF MY HUSBAND'S  
DEATH. PLEASE CALL  
LORD MONTAGUE AND  
THE CARDINAL. I'D LIKE TO  
KNOW HOW PREPARA-  
TIONS ARE GOING.

YES, QUEEN  
MOTHER.



HE WAS  
IN ISOLATION,  
SO I DIDN'T  
GET TO WATCH  
OVER HIM AS  
HE PASSED..

THAT'S  
RIGHT

FATHER DIED  
FROM A PLAGUE,  
RIGHT?



IT'S ALMOST  
YOUR FATHER'S  
DEATH ANNI-  
VERSARY.

WINTER'S SUCH  
A MELANCHOLY  
SEASON.



AND THE  
MEMORIAL  
IN TOWN.

THIS YEAR WE'LL BE  
VISITING BOTH YOUR  
FATHER'S TOMB

IT WASN'T  
JUST YOUR FATHER,  
ETHER. MANY  
PEOPLE DIED.

LAST YEAR WAS  
THE 10 YEAR ANNI-  
VERSARY SO THEY PUT  
UP A MEMORIAL IN THE  
TOWN, RIGHT?



YES... FOR A  
LITTLE WHILE

BUT THIS ISN'T  
FOR A FESTIVAL.  
YOU HAVE TO ACT LIKE  
A PROPER KING, OK?

WE'RE GOING  
INTO TOWN?











WHAT A  
TROUBLING THING  
TO SAY.

EXCUSE ME, SIRS.  
WAIT OVER THERE,  
PLEASE, THIS WON'T  
TAKE A MOMENT



Those  
aren't his  
usual men

It's noble  
friends?



I KNOW I'M  
THE ONE WHO  
LOCKED YOU IN HERE  
BY FORCE, BUT

I'M KIND OF IN  
A CRITICAL SITUATION  
RIGHT NOW SO CAN YOU  
NOT INTERFERE?

I DON'T HAVE  
THE TIME TO THINK  
ABOUT LITTLE THINGS  
RIGHT NOW.





ARE  
YOU BEING  
SERIOUS?



SH, REALLY?  
YOU'RE SURE?

WE'D BOTH  
GET SOMETHING  
OUT OF IT,  
THOUGHT?

WELL... YEAH, THAT'S  
NOT GOING TO HAPPEN  
AFTER ALL THIS...



WHEN I HEARD YOU  
WERE MAKING DEALS  
WITH THE HERETICS, I WAS  
OVER THE MOON .

I'D INTENDED  
TO BE MUCH MORE  
BUSINESS-LIKE IN  
MY APPROACH  
WITH YOU.

I THOUGHT THE  
TWO OF US WOULD  
GET ALONG WELL.



DESPITE  
THE BLACKMAIL,  
I SHOWED YOU HOW  
ABLE I AM, RIGHT?

DON'T YOU  
WANT A TALENTED  
FRIEND LIKE ME?

SERIOUSLY ?



BUT I  
FAILED

I TOOK YOUR  
BROTHER HOSTAGE,  
THEN THINKING THAT  
WOULD UPSET YOU, I  
BLACKMAILED YOU.

I EVEN  
TOLD YOU ABOUT  
THE TOWN.

?



WHY DID  
YOU KIDNAP MY  
BROTHER IN THE  
FIRST PLACE?

I can't get  
a good read on  
this man

He's  
definitely  
evil, but



WHAT ON...

THAT'S  
MESSED UP...

IT WAS  
SPUR OF THE  
MOMENT...

I WANTED,  
SO MY MEN  
ATTACKED...



I TOLD  
YOU, I'M AT  
MY LIMIT.

TELL ME HOW  
YOU WERE PLANNING  
ON DEALING WITH  
ME ORIGINALLY.



...SO THE  
REST OF THIS  
WASNT IN YOUR  
PLANS, EITHER.

I'M NOT  
HAVING YOU KILL  
ME AND MY BROTHER  
ON A WHIM.

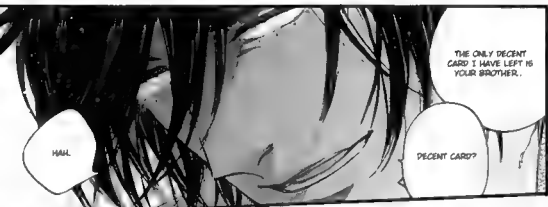


YOU SAY  
THAT, BUT

SHOW ME  
YOUR HAND!

FRIENDSHIP IS  
NO LONGER ON THE  
TABLE, BUT IF YOU WANT  
TO NEGOTIATE THEN  
WE CAN FIND SOME  
GROUNDS FOR IT.

Whump



HAH

THE ONLY DECENT  
CARD I HAVE LEFT IS  
YOUR BROTHER.

DECENT CARD?



...THEN

YOU NEED TO  
LOOK AT THE BIGGER  
PICTURE.

PATHETIC.

YOU SAID IT  
YOURSELF THE  
OTHER DAY.

DOES IT  
LOOK TO YOU LIKE  
I CARE THAT MUCH  
ABOUT HIM?

AHHHA!



YOU DON'T CARE  
WHAT HAPPENS TO  
THAT BOY?

...THAT'S-

**SMASH**



HEY! WHAT  
ARE YOU DOING  
OVER THERE!?

THIS GUY WAS  
EAVESDROPPING BY  
THE DOOR.

...GIL?







WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

Sigh  
I HAD A FEELING THIS DAY WOULD COME...



DON'T LIE!

NO, I DIDN'T HEAR...

LIGHT



I'VE ALWAYS BEEN VERY CAREFUL TO MAKE SURE NO-ONE EVER FOUND OUT HOW I REALLY FEEL ABOUT MY BROTHER...

AND YOU'VE BEEN STANDING NEXT TO ME, WAITING FOR ME TO SLIP THIS WHOLE TIME, HAVEN'T YOU?

YOU'RE PLANNING TO RUN BACK TO YOUR FORMER MASTER... LORD BELTE, WITH MY WORDS, HAH?

DID HE PROMISE YOU YOUR FREEDOM IN EXCHANGE? I DOUBT HE WOULD HAVE HANDED YOU OVER TO ME, OTHERWISE





THAT'S JUST  
IT, OH.

I WOULD NEVER  
PLOT AGAINST YOU IN  
SUCH A WAY

PLEASE, YOU  
MISUNDERSTAND!  
I REALLY DIDN'T  
HEAR...

I...

THE SLIGHTEST  
MISTAKE, AND THE  
GALLONS AWAIT  
YOU...



YOU MUST HAVE  
SPENT EVERY MINUTE  
IN MY PRESENCE  
TERRIFIED.

I CAN'T IMAGINE  
YOU'D EVER BEND TO  
MY CONTROL WITHOUT  
THAT THREAT HANGING  
OVER YOUR HEAD.

PRINCE LOUIS...



NG...



LWAH!

THUD!



...FOR ONCE IN YOUR  
LIFE, TELL ME HOW YOU  
REALLY FEEL..



...MY COUNTRY  
WAS BURNED

MY FRIENDS  
AND FAMILY  
TAKEN

I WAS  
MADE INTO  
A SLAVE.

EVERYTHING I  
SUFFERED...



I REMEMBER IT BITTERLY,  
EVERY DAY.

I'M TIRED OF LIVING  
MY LIFE FEELING SORRY  
FOR MYSELF.

...

THEN YOUR  
CHOICE IS TO RUN  
OR TO DIE.





MOVE!

GIL!

B

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M





HAVE YOU  
BEEN HIDING THAT  
THING ON YOU THIS  
WHOLE TIME?

DID HE GET  
AWAY!?

FIND HIM!  
FIND HIM AND  
KILL HIM!



HMPH.

IT'S USELESS TO  
ME RIGHT NOW.

IT'S STILL  
FAR FROM BEING  
PRACTICAL.

